

VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, BLIND AND MULTI-DISABLED AT HAMPTON

Anticipated Vacancy Announcement

POSITION: SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

POSITION #: 00008

OPEN DATE: 09/12/06

Hiring Range: (\$36,000.00 - \$43,000.00)

CLOSING DATE: Until Filled

The Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind, and Multi-Disabled is seeking a School Social Worker. The School Social Worker will provide social services support for students (ages 3-22), parents and staff in a day and residential program for students with deafness, blindness, and sensory impaired multiple disabilities. Incumbent must be willing to work a flexible shift in order to provide services during the residential program.

Work Schedule: Monday through Friday. This position works a 40-hour work week.

Responsibilities Include:

- Direct counseling and support for students
- Provision of parent/family support and liaison services with community/state resources for the education, safety and welfare of students
- Participation in family visitations according to school guidelines
- Provision of social skills training as a member of a professional team
- Consultation with and training for teachers, residential staff, parents, support staff and administrators on various areas of student social/emotional development
- Participation in formal and informal conferences related to student planning, behavior and social skills including: assessments, evaluations, eligibility, and individual education plans (IEPs)
- Participation in functional behavior assessments (FBAs) and Behavior Intervention Plan development
- Participation in admissions process for potential students
- Collaboration with local school divisions to provide successful transition for students who transfer from other schools/programs
- Assistance with agency child protection reporting and investigation activities

Minimum Qualifications:

- A minimum of a Master's degree in Social Work from a regionally accredited college or university, required
- Possession of or eligibility for VA School Social Work endorsement, required
- Professional experience in the area of social work or counseling working with students with deafness, blindness and sensory impaired multiple disabilities is preferred.
- Demonstrated ability to conduct professional responsibilities through a team approach
- Experience working with students, families and school staff
- Willingness to work flexible hours to provide services for day and residential programs
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification required, or must be obtained within 90 days of employment
- Proficiency or willingness to learn American Sign Language in order to communicate with students, parents, and other agency staff who are deaf

Physical Requirements:

- Moderating lifting, 20-50 lbs
- Standing, sitting, reaching, lifting, walking, bending, climbing, and repetitive motion

NOTE: A criminal history check is required for final candidates.

For consideration, submit State Application Form #10-012 to: The Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind, and Multi-Disabled at Hampton, Department of Human Resources, 700 Shell Road, Hampton, VA 23661. There is a five (5) day minimum posting requirement. For assistance, call VOICE/TDD (757) 247-2050, or FAX to (757) 247-2028, or visit our website at www.vsdbmh.virginia.gov. Applications are available on line at www.dhrm.state.va.us/statefrm.html.

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